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| Word | Example Sentence | My Definition (Based on Context Clues) | Dictionary Definition |
| Aloof (Adj) | The **aloof** young boy stood all alone in the corner.  Because she was **aloof** growing up, she did not have many close friends in her classroom. |  |  |
| Cow (Verb) | I will not be **cowed** by your insults because mean words do not scare me. |  |  |
| Coarse (Adj) | He had **coarse** manners and many people thought of him as a rude and harsh man. |  |  |
| Frippery (Noun) | Puritans did not believe in wearing **frippery** or in showing wealth through other fancy and expensive objects. |  |  |
| Gaudy (Adj) | Circus performers wear **gaudy** clothes to catch people’s attentions and to make their performances seem even more over-the-top. |  |  |
| Tantalize (Verb) | He would not only capture members of the enemy’s army, but he would also **tantalize** them and make them even more unhappy. |  |  |
| Punctilious (Adj) | My father was **punctilious** about having all of his shirts, ties, and socks lined up by color. |  |  |
| Retort (Noun) (Verb) | I was really upset after she called me that ugly name, but the only **retort**I could come up with was “Whatever”.  She **retorted** back in an effort to fully explain her side of the argument. |  |  |
| Monotonous (Adj) | Instead of reading your speech straight from the papers in a **monotonous** tone, try *speaking* it to the audience like you are actually talking to them. |  |  |
| Grotesque | His mother was used to him telling little and small lies, but this was a **grotesque** and exaggerated lie that was unlike what he had ever told before.  The Halloween mask was over-the-top and extremely **grotesque.** |  |  |